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B. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In order to better assist the Examiner with the prosecution of the case, the current pending claims have been included in their entirety for which reconsideration is requested.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for displaying resource aids in a display area, said method comprising the steps of:

monitoring a separate status of each of a plurality of computer resources comprising at least one processing resource, at least one storage resource, at least one memory resource, at least one software resource, and at least one graphical resource;

displaying a user interface comprising at least one displayable object within a display area with a plurality of separate cursor position sensitive regions each graphically distinguished within a total display region of said displayable object solely for triggering a transparent resource aid upon detection of a cursor, wherein each of said plurality of cursor position sensitive regions is associated with a separate selection of monitored resources from among said plurality of monitored computer resources;

comparing said separate status of each of said plurality of computer resources with at least one user specified threshold for each of said plurality of computer resources; and

responsive to [an initiating event, wherein said initiating event is a position of] detecting at least one from among said separate status for at least one of said separate selection of monitored resources associated with a particular cursor position sensitive region exceeding said threshold and [a] said cursor positioned over [a] said particular cursor position sensitive region from among said plurality of cursor position sensitive regions of said displayable object, placing a transparent resource aid within said display area in association with said [at least one] displayable object, wherein said transparent resource aid presents said separate status of said separate selection of monitored resources associated with said particular cursor position sensitive region, such that said at least one displayable object is not obscured by said transparent resource aid.

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2. (Currently Amended) The method for displaying resource aids in accordance with claim 1, said method further comprising the step of:

[responding] responsive to detecting said initiating event, wherein said initiating event is at least one of a cursor placement, an occurrence of a user defined event, and a user input of one of a keystroke or a voice command and detecting said cursor position over said particular cursor position sensitive region from among said plurality of cursor position sensitive regions of said displayable object, placing said transparent resource aid within said display area in association with said displayable object.

3. (Canceled).

4. (ORIGINAL) The method for displaying resource aids in accordance with claim 1, said method further comprising the steps of:

determining a graphical output format for said transparent resource aid;

adjusting a transparency of said transparent resource aid according to user transparency preferences;

determining a display position for said transparent resource aid; and

adjusting said transparency of said transparent resource aid according to said display position.

5. (Canceled).

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6. (Currently Amended) The method for displaying resource aids in accordance with claim 1, said method further comprising the steps of:

~~monitoring said separate status of said at least one graphical resource from a plurality of transparency setting[s] for each of a plurality of said displayable object[s] displayed within said user interface and a criteria used to specify said transparency setting; and
compiling information for said transparency resource aid from said monitored transparency settings.~~

7. (ORIGINAL) The method for displaying resource aids in accordance with claim 1, said method further comprising the step of:

placing said transparent resource aid to maximize space remaining in said display area.

8. (ORIGINAL) The method for displaying resource aids in accordance with claim 1, said method further comprising the step of:

placing said transparent resource aid, wherein said transparent resource aid comprises at least one from among text, graphics, video, and audio.

9. (Currently Amended) The method for displaying resource aids in accordance with claim 1, said method further comprising the step of:

adjusting a visual indication of a dimensional height of said transparent resource aid to indicate a quantity associated with said separate status of said separate selection of [a] monitored resources being described by said transparent resource aid.

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10. (ORIGINAL) The method for displaying resource aids in accordance with claim 1, said method further comprising the step of:

placing said transparent resource aid in a background of said display area in association with said at least one displayable object, wherein said transparent resource aid is darkened to draw attention to said at least one displayable object.

11. (Currently Amended) A system for displaying resource aids in a display area, said system comprising:

a graphical user interface;

means for monitoring a separate status of each of a plurality of computer resources comprising at least one processing resource, at least one storage resource, at least one memory resource, at least one software resource, and at least one graphical resource;

means for displaying at least one displayable object within a display area of said graphical user interface with a plurality of separate cursor position sensitive regions each graphically distinguished within a total display region of said displayable object solely for triggering a transparent resource aid upon detection of a cursor, wherein each of said plurality of cursor position sensitive regions is associated with a separate selection of monitored resources from among said plurality of monitored computer resources;

means for comparing said separate status of each of said plurality of computer resources with at least one user specified threshold for each of said plurality of computer resources; and

means responsive to [an initiating event] detecting at least one from among said separate status for at least one of said separate selection of monitored resources associated with a particular cursor position sensitive region exceeding said threshold and said cursor positioned over said particular cursor position sensitive region from among said plurality of cursor position sensitive regions of said displayable object, for placing a transparent resource aid within said display area in association with said [at least one] displayable object, wherein said transparent resource aid presents said separate status of said separate selection of monitored resources

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associated with said particular cursor position sensitive region ,wherein said initiating event is a position of a cursor over a sensitive region of said at least one displayable object.

12. (Currently Amended)The system for displaying resource aids in accordance with claim 11, ~~wherein said initiating event is at least one of a cursor placement, an occurrence of a user-defined event, and a user input~~ further comprising:

responsive to detecting a user input of one of a keystroke or a voice command and detecting said cursor position over said particular cursor position sensitive region from among said plurality of cursor position sensitive regions of said displayable object, placing said transparent resource aid within said display area in association with said displayable object.

13. (Canceled).

14. (ORIGINAL)The system for displaying resource aids in accordance with claim 11, said system further comprising:

means for determining a graphical output format for said transparent resource aid;

means for adjusting a transparency of said transparent resource aid according to user transparency preferences;

means for determining a display position for said transparent resource aid; and

means for adjusting said transparency of said transparent resource aid according to said display position.

15. (Canceled).

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16. (Currently Amended) The system for displaying resource aids in accordance with claim 11, said system further comprising:

means for monitoring said separate status of said at least one graphical resource from a plurality of transparency setting[s] for each of a plurality of said displayable object[s] displayed within said user interface and a criteria used to specify said transparency setting; and

~~means for compiling information for said transparency resource aid from said monitored transparency settings.~~

17. (ORIGINAL) The system for displaying resource aids in accordance with claim 11, said system further comprising:

means for placing said transparent resource aid to maximize space remaining in said display area.

18. (ORIGINAL) The system for displaying resource aids in accordance with claim 11, said system further comprising:

means for placing said transparent resource aid, wherein said transparent resource aid comprises at least one from among text, graphics, video, and audio.

19. (Currently Amended) The system for displaying resource aids in accordance with claim 11, said system further comprising:

means for adjusting a visual indication of a dimensional height of said transparent resource aid to indicate a quantity associated with said separate status of said separate selection of [a] monitored resources being described by said transparent resource aid.

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20. (ORIGINAL)The system for displaying resource aids in accordance with claim 11, said system further comprising:

means for placing said transparent resource aid in a background of said display area in association with said at least one displayable object, wherein said transparent resource aid is darkened to draw attention to said at least one displayable object.

21. (Currently Amended) A program for displaying resource aids in a display area, residing on a computer usable medium having computer readable program code means, said program comprising:

means for monitoring a separate status of each of a plurality of computer resources comprising at least one processing resource, at least one storage resource, at least one memory resource, at least one software resource, and at least one graphical resource;

means for displaying at least one displayable object within a display area of said graphical user interface with a plurality of separate cursor position sensitive regions each graphically distinguished within a total display region of said displayable object solely for triggering a transparent resource aid upon detection of a cursor, wherein each of said plurality of cursor position sensitive regions is associated with a separate selection of monitored resources from among said plurality of monitored computer resources;

means for comparing said separate status of each of said plurality of computer resources with at least one user specified threshold for each of said plurality of computer resources; and

means for controlling placement of a transparent resource aid within said display area in association with said [at least one] displayable object in response to [an initiating event] detecting at least one from among said separate status for at least one of said separate selection of monitored resources associated with a particular cursor position sensitive region exceeding said threshold and said cursor positioned over said particular cursor position sensitive region from among said plurality of cursor position sensitive regions of said displayable object, wherein said transparent resource aid presents said separate status of said separate selection of monitored

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~~resources associated with said particular cursor position sensitive region ,wherein said initiating event is a position of a cursor over a sensitive region of said at least one displayable object.~~

22. (ORIGINAL) The program for displaying resource aids in accordance with claim 21, said program further comprising:

means for determining a graphical output format for said transparent resource aid;

means for adjusting a transparency of said transparent resource aid according to user transparency preferences;

means for determining a display position for said transparent resource aid; and

means for adjusting said transparency of said transparent resource aid according to said display position.

23. (Canceled).

24. (Currently Amended) The program for displaying resource aids in accordance with claim 21, said program further comprising:

means for monitoring said separate status of said at least one graphical resource from a plurality of transparency setting[s] for each of a plurality of said displayable object[s] displayed within said user interface and a criteria used to specify said transparency setting,; and

~~means for compiling information for said transparency resource aid from said monitored transparency settings.~~

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25. (ORIGINAL) The program for displaying resource aids in accordance with claim 21, said program further comprising:

means for controlling placement of said transparent resource aid to maximize space remaining in said display area.

26. (Currently Amended) The program for displaying resource aids in accordance with claim 21, said program further comprising:

means for adjusting a visual indication of a dimensional height of said transparent resource aid to indicate a quantity associated with said separate status of said separate selection of [a] monitored resources being described by said transparent resource aid.

27. (ORIGINAL) The program for displaying resource aids in accordance with claim 21, said program further comprising:

means for placing said transparent resource aid in a background of said display area in association with said at least one displayable object.

Claims 28-30 (Canceled).

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31. (Currently Amended) A method for displaying resource aids in a display area, said method comprising the steps of:

monitoring a separate status of each of a plurality of computer resources comprising at least one processing resource, at least one storage resource, at least one memory resource, at least one software resource, and at least one graphical resource;

displaying a user interface comprising at least one displayable object within a display area with a plurality of separate cursor position sensitive regions each graphically distinguished within a total display region of said displayable object solely for triggering a transparent resource aid upon detection of a cursor, wherein each of said plurality of cursor position sensitive regions is associated with a separate selection of monitored resources from among said plurality of monitored computer resources;

comparing said separate status of each of said plurality of computer resources with at least one user specified threshold for each of said plurality of computer resources;

responsive to [an initiating event] detecting at least one from among said separate status for at least one of said separate selection of monitored resources associated with a particular cursor position sensitive region exceeding said threshold and [a] said cursor positioned over [a] said particular cursor position sensitive region from among said plurality of cursor position sensitive regions of said displayable object, placing a transparent resource aid within said display area in association with said [at least one] displayable object, wherein said transparent resource aid presents said separate status of said separate selection of monitored resources associated with said particular cursor position sensitive region, such that said at least one displayable object is not obscured by said transparent resource aid; and .

adjusting a visual indication of a dimensional height of said transparent resource aid to indicate a quantity associated with said separate status of said separate selection of [a] monitored resources being described by said transparent resource aid.

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32. (Currently Amended) A system for displaying resource aids in a display area, said system comprising:

a graphical user interface;

means for monitoring a separate status of each of a plurality of computer resources comprising at least one processing resource, at least one storage resource, at least one memory resource, at least one software resource, and at least one graphical resource;

means for displaying at least one displayable object within a display area of said graphical user interface with a plurality of separate cursor position sensitive regions each graphically distinguished within a total display region of said displayable object solely for triggering a transparent resource aid upon detection of a cursor, wherein each of said plurality of cursor position sensitive regions is associated with a separate selection of monitored resources from among said plurality of monitored computer resources;

means for comparing said separate status of each of said plurality of computer resources with at least one user specified threshold for each of said plurality of computer resources;

means responsive to [an initiating event] detecting at least one from among said separate status for at least one of said separate selection of monitored resources associated with a particular cursor position sensitive region exceeding said threshold and said cursor positioned over said particular cursor position sensitive region from among said plurality of cursor position sensitive regions of said displayable object, for placing a transparent resource aid within said display area in association with said [at least one] displayable object, wherein said transparent resource aid presents said separate status of said separate selection of monitored resources associated with said particular cursor position sensitive region; and

means for adjusting a visual indication of a dimensional height of said transparent resource aid to indicate a quantity associated with said separate status of said separate selection of [a] monitored resources being described by said transparent resource aid.

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33. (Currently Amended) A program for displaying resource aids in a display area, residing on a computer usable medium having computer readable program code means, said program comprising:

means for monitoring a separate status of each of a plurality of computer resources comprising at least one processing resource, at least one storage resource, at least one memory resource, at least one software resource, and at least one graphical resource;

means for displaying at least one displayable object within a display area of said graphical user interface with a plurality of separate cursor position sensitive regions each graphically distinguished within a total display region of said displayable object solely for triggering a transparent resource aid upon detection of a cursor, wherein each of said plurality of cursor position sensitive regions is associated with a separate selection of monitored resources from among said plurality of monitored computer resources;

means for comparing said separate status of each of said plurality of computer resources with at least one user specified threshold for each of said plurality of computer resources; and

means for controlling placement of a transparent resource aid within said display area in association with said [at least one] displayable object in response to [an initiating event] detecting at least one from among said separate status for at least one of said separate selection of monitored resources associated with a particular cursor position sensitive region exceeding said threshold and said cursor positioned over said particular cursor position sensitive region from among said plurality of cursor position sensitive regions of said displayable object, wherein said transparent resource aid presents said separate status of said separate selection of monitored resources associated with said particular cursor position sensitive region, wherein said initiating event is a position of a cursor over a sensitive region of said at least one displayable object.

means for controlling adjustment of a visual indication of a dimensional height of said transparent resource aid to indicate a quantity associated with said separate status of said separate selection of [a] monitored resources being described by said transparent resource aid.

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